

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA857

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DORSETT CEMETERY

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3843 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE ROAD ☐ not for publication

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE ☐ vicinity of 4th congressional district

state MARYLAND county ANNE ARUNDEL CO.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: CEMETERY

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name MRS GEORGE MACKEY

street & number 3843 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE ROAD telephone no.:

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE MD state and zip code 21035

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber 946

street & number SOUTH STREET folio 253

city, town ANNAPOLIS state MD 21401

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The cemetery is located in woods approximately 2,000 feet south of Queen Anne Bridge Road at the western edge of the Mackey property. It is extremely overgrown. Five headstones and one broken stone from a vault were located. The entire cemetery is enclosed with a wrought-iron fence. It is 54 feet by 41 feet. The gate has stylized clover design with "Dorsett" in the middle. The fence consists of 16 small spikes between larger posts with a stylized urn top. The headstones are oriented to the east, and are all made of marble. Numbers 1-3 are in one row, and 4 and 5 are to the east of them.

The following is a description of the markers and their inscriptions:

1. Headstone is two feet high and 18 inches wide. The rounded top section has a bas relief of a willow tree in the center, an urn on a pedestal on the right side, and an ark-of-the-covenant type design on the left. The stone is in excellent condition. The inscription is:

""In Memory of
Harriet Dorsett,
Wife of Thos. J. Dorsett.
Born Sept. 7, 1807,
Died March 4, 1898.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the
Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they
rest from their labours.""

The footstone has a rounded top and is one foot wide and four inches high. The inscription is the initials, "H.D."

2. The headstone is the same design as #1 above. It is two feet, two inches high and 18 inches wide. The inscription is:

""In Memory of
Thomas J. Dorsett
Who died
April 7, 1847,
Aged 42 Years.

"Let me die the Death of the
righteous & let my last end
be like his."

Nos. 23 Chap. 10 verse."

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The footstone has a rounded top and is ten inches high and one foot wide. It is inscribed with the initials, "T.J.D."

3. The headstone is rounded with a willow tree in the center. Following the contour of the top are the words, "In Memory of." The inscription below is as follows:

""William B. Dorsett
Died Sept. 14, 1856,
In the 21st Year
of his age.
"Passed from death into life.""

The top of the footstone is rounded, and along the top edge are the initials, "W.B.D." It is one foot wide and 13 inches high.

4. The top of the headstone is rounded with the words, "In Memory of," following the contour of the top. In the center was a design, but it has deteriorated beyond recognition. The inscription is as follows:

""John D. Dorsett
who died
April 27th 1850
Aged 3 yrs 6 mos
& 25 days.
Lovely & inter-
esting in Life
he has gone to
that Savior
who declared
that of such is
the Kingdom
of heaven""

The headstone is two feet high and one foot wide. The footstone is 18 inches high and 6½ inches wide. It has the initials, "J.D.D." inscribed on it. It was found outside the fenced area.

5. The headstone is rounded with what appears to have been a rose relief in the center. The headstone is 16 inches high and 13 inches wide. The inscription is:

""In Memory of
Arthur
Infant son of
T.J. & Mary E. Dorsett
Who
Departed this life
August 5th 1857,
Aged
8 months & 21 days.""

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No footstone was found.

6. Seven pieces of a large marker were found and pieced together, but all the pieces were not located. It was 34 inches wide. Only thirty-six inches of the length were located. It has double-beveled edges. The following is part of the inscription:

""....and Francis Hawkins [Dorsett]
...[s] on T.J. and H Dorsett

....Hawkins Dorsett	Amelia Jane Dorsett
...27 Nov.	departed this Life 23 rd Sep.
...mos & 8 days.	1830 aged 8 yrs 3 mo & 11 day
...ldren and	forbid them not.
...to me...	such is the Kingdom
Amen."	Math. 19 C. IIV.""

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Nearby, evidence of a brick vault was found.

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Infant son of
T.J. & Mary E. Dorsett
Who
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August 5th 1857,
Aged
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""....and Francis Hawkins [Dorsett]
...[s] on T.J. and H Dorsett

departs this
1892
....Hawkins Dorsett
...27 Nov.
...mos & 8 days.

Amelia Jane Dorsett
departed this Life 23rd Sep.
1830 aged 8 yrs 3 mo & 11 day

Suffer little ch..ldren and
to come...
to me...
Heaven
UNto me... Amen."

forbid them not.
such is the Kingdom
Math. 19 C. IIV.""

Nearby, evidence of a brick vault was found.

Pencilled parts were stones
uncovered 4 Months later
When someone cleared cemetery.